

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-19 with out prejudice.

Applicants submit herewith on a separate page a marked-up version of the claims showing the current status of the Claims.

In the Specification

In the specification, please insert the new section called "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" which shows the prior family history of this application.

Applicants submit herewith an attached clean version of the start of the application showing the newly inserted section.

Remarks to Amended Claims and Specification and Applicants' Response

Claims 1-19 have been cancelled. Claims 20-25 were allowed. Applicants respectively request that because claims 20-25 have been allowed, and claims 1-19 have been cancelled (Applicants plan to prosecute claims 1-19 in a continuing application), that the application be allowed to issue pending entry of the amendments to properly provide cross-reference to the earlier parent applications as discussed below.

The Examiner started his examination of the application by first noting that the application appears to claim subject matter disclose in prior application No. 09/706,531, filed November 3, 2000, and as such needs a reference to the prior application in the first sentence of the specification indicating the earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.

Applicants have submitted the requested amendment to provide proper cross-reference to earlier applications upon which this application depends. Applicants

respectively request the present amendment be entered and that the present objection to the specification be removed.

Applicants believe the current application with the submitted amendments places the application in a condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the application be allowed to issued and thank the Examiner for his time and efforts in reviewing applicants request.

Respectfully submitted,

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